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Marginal Column

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A LOCAL newspaper reports Mr. F. Rosen, ex-Minister of Justice, as having declared his full support for Dr. Goldmann's scheme according to which Israel should join the Arab League which would thus become a Middle Eastern Federation. Any belief that close collaboration between this country and the Arab League Governments is possible before very far-reaching political and social reforms, and perhaps revolutions, have taken place there, may be based on praiseworthy intentions but it is so hopelessly out of touch with Middle Eastern realities (and potentialities) that one fails to see the need to comment on such a suggestion. Mr. Rosen himself noted that "Each great idea has appeared fantastic at first."

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ALINE of political approach and action which may give excellent results west of Berlin is hardly ever applicable east (and west) of Suez, where the ten political commandments, though certainly not entirely absent, are written, pronounced and interpreted in a different way. The same goes for most if not all schemes about Asian or Middle Eastern integration which one hears . or reads from time to time: This Asia and this Middle East — oh sweet fancy, let her keep! — does exist only in the fantasy of the planners or did exist in the past and is now disintegrating very swiftly.

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BUT if at the root of these suggestions, however fanciful, there is a realisation of the urgent need for a reappraisal of this country's Arab policy at home and abroad, then they may be instrumental in provoking a long overdue debate. The present series of Israel complaints to the Powers and the Security Council, though not merely justified but absolutely necessary, cannot be expected to be very effectual nor are they the equivalent of a constructive policy. In order to pierce the wall of hostility and isolation which the Arab League Governments try to establish around this country, it is high time to reconsider the status of the Arab minority and to abolish military administration, which, it appears, is maintained now mainly out of routine and inertia and the preoccupation with other issues, not all of them of equal importance. Another urgent task which cannot be delayed any longer is to make the Arab citizens actively participate in the political life of this country, to give them the feeling that they have a stake in this country. A third assignment, which has been too long neglected, is to tell the masses in the neighbouring countries by all means available, such as radio, that this country's only aim is to live with them in peace and friendship and that our quarrel is with their dictators.

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THE fruits of such a policy could be reaped, at best, in years from now, but any alternative for a shorter period is non-existent as an understanding with the dictators of the Shishakly type is impossible anyway. In the meantime, one has to concentrate on the issue (or issues) which are of vital interest for the survival of this country and its development—and not to be sidetracked. If the Egyptian blockade, for instance, is a matter of life and death for this country, it must be taken that last diplomatic protests, but in the end only a counter-blockade will do, which, as students of the history of the Canal during the Second World War will know, is certainly not an impossible task from a purely technical point of view.

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HOWEVER that may be, very much can be done by this country to thwart aggressive action by the Arab League Governments, to convince the masses in the neighbouring countries that this State has no aggressive intentions but merely wishes to defend its legitimate rights. Much can be done to frustrate the attempts of the Shishaklys to divert the attention of their own people from the struggle for bread and freedom. But a prerequisite for any such action is greatly to strengthen those departments in domestic and foreign policy which presume to deal with Arab affairs, and which at the present time are certainly not among the very strongest. An even more urgent precondition is the existence of a policy and the feeling of the urgency of the matter.

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Vietminh Seize 15 Outposts In General Drive

HANOI, Saturday (UP). — Vietminh forces overran 15 French outposts in south Vietnam today in what Vietminh Radio proclaimed a "general offensive" to chase the French out of Indo-China.

The French Command later disclosed that the posts were taken after part of the native garrisons went over to the Vietminh. They refused to disclose further details.

The Vietminh forces stabbed into the French lines all over Laos, imperilling the flank of the Franco-Vietnam troops who landed last week on the Annam coast.

A French Command spokesman admitted that the military situation has become more serious in the past 48 hours, but ridiculed the contention that the offensive would wipe the French expeditionary corps off the map of Indo-China.

However, the unexpected arrival in Indo-China of French War Secretary Pierre de Chevigne from Paris indicated the gravity of the situation. He had not originally intended to come for another 10 days.

Overwhelm Garrisons

Vietminh units in company strength surged on a ring of outposts guarding the Mekong River estuary and overwhelmed the outnumbered garrisons, the French Command said.

The area had been considered as "totally safe" by the French Command. Thirteen fortified villages fell in the Mytho region, 35 miles south-west of Saigon.

Another outpost was toppled at Chaudoc, 125 miles west of Saigon and close to the Thai border, and still another at Sadec, 90 miles south-west of Saigon.

The French Command said bitter fighting continued inside the Red River delta around Hanoi with French mobile columns trying to break up concentrations of 70,000 Vietminh guerrillas around the Tonkin capital.

India Fails in Bid To Convene UN Assembly

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (UP).—The U.N. announced officially today that the membership had voted down India's request for a special General Assembly session on Korean problems on February 8.

U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld was expected to send out notification to the 60 member countries later in the day.

Last midnight was the deadline for replies on the Indian move. And the final tally showed that 26 countries, including the Western powers, had voted against reconvening the Assembly, while 22 countries, including the Soviet bloc, favoured the Indian proposal.

Rhee Warns Against Japanese Aggression

SEOUL, Saturday (Reuter). — The South Korean President, Dr. Syngman Rhee, said today there was danger of aggression not only from the Communists but also from Japan.

It was up to the U.S. to make sure Japan did not repeat its past aggression, he said.

Dr. Rhee said, "We believe it very unwise for the U.S. to help Japan to become the strongest power in Asia."

Pyun Yung Tai, the South Korean Foreign Minister, said today that formal negotiations on the status of U.N. troops in Korea would be opened "in the near future."

The South Korean Supreme Court today rejected the appeal of two opposition politicians convicted of having tried to assassinate President Rhee, and confirmed the sentences of death passed by a lower court.

OVER TWO MILLION UNEMPLOYED IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Census Bureau said today that 2,360,000 persons in the U.S. were without work this month, about half a million more than in December.

This is the first time in three years that unemployment figures for a single month have gone over the two million mark.

Employment totals for the week ending January 9 were 59,500,000 — the first time since March 1953 that this figure has fallen below 60 million.

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Molotov to 'Consider' Eden Plan for Germany

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter). — Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov indicated today that he would reject the British five-point plan for German reunion, but said he would consider it and put forward his own proposals next week.

Mr. Molotov said the Soviet Government had always attached great importance to free all-German elections, but the plan put forward by Mr. Anthony Eden yesterday would mean continued "semi-occupation of Germany."

Following today's session a British Foreign Office spokesman said Mr. Molotov's preliminary remarks on the Eden plan were "encouraging." He added: "We consider that today's proceedings were a serious and useful discussion on the problems of German unity and European security."

A British spokesman quoted Mr. Molotov as saying that the doubtful whether under the British plan, the all-German Government would be really free internally and externally. The Soviet Foreign Minister added that Germany must be a free, democratic and peaceful country which would not be a menace to her neighbours. She could then take her place among the peaceful nations of Europe.

These were his preliminary views, Mr. Molotov said. He would require to give the plan further study and to put forth his own proposals next week.

Eden's Plan

Mr. Molotov was referring to the five-point plan for the reunification of Germany presented at yesterday's session by British Foreign Secretary Eden, which was today fully endorsed by U.S. Secretary of State Dulles and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. Mr. Eden's plan proposed the following order of procedure:

1) Free elections throughout Germany.
2) The convocation of a national assembly resulting from these elections.
3) The drafting of a constitution and the preparation of peace treaty negotiations.
4) The adoption of a constitution and the formation of an all-German government responsible for the negotiation of the peace treaty.
5) The signature and entry into force of the peace treaty.

Replying to the Soviet Minister, Mr. Dulles challenged Russia to reach agreement with the West on Germany as a test "whether or not we are really qualified to work together for peace." He warned that "an isolated Germany is the heart of Europe would be the gravest danger to all its neighbours." The U.S. Secretary of State fully endorsed the Eden plan, stressing that there could be no hope of peace if a settlement was imposed on Germany.

Mr. Dulles said the fact that "we four have a unique responsibility in Germany should make this German problem a central theme of our work here." He concluded with an appeal "that we explore this matter not in any sense as representing opposing sides, but as a group of countries which, with the Germans seek a single goal"—the unification of Germany as a democratic and peace-loving state.

Oppose Militarism

On the point of European security, Mr. Dulles said that if the four powers did not want a revival of German militarism they must admit the "natural and proper desire" of the German people for equality in the family of nations. "We must enable them to contribute to a system of security which, threatening none, defends all," he said.

In explaining his objections to the plan, Mr. Molotov today said it ignored the wishes of the Germans about free elections and did not guarantee a fully free all-German government afterwards. The plan placed in the hands of the four occupying powers the entire question of elections, leaving the Germans as mere objects, which, he said, showed a mistrust of the democratic forces in Germany.

The Soviet Government, he added, favoured a German state which would be really free in the conduct of internal as well as in its external policies.

Earlier today, Mr. Molotov dropped his insistence that East and West German representatives voice their views at the conference on the question of Germany. The West objected to the proposal because this would entail listening to the views of a divided Germany, while the task of the conference was to find a "legitimate representation" which could speak for all Germany.

The conference turned to the German problem at its sixth session today following Mr. Molotov's surprise agreement yesterday to transfer his proposal for a world conference on disarmament to a secret meeting with the three Western Ministers next week.

Today's session was the last of the first round of talks in West Berlin. They will resume next Monday at the Russian Embassy in the Eastern zone.

(Reuter, UP)

ECE Head in Prague for East-West Trade Talks

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Gunnar Myrdal, Swedish Executive Secretary of the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe, arrived in Prague last night, Prague Radio reported.

He will have visit Warsaw and Moscow.

A Geneva report yesterday said Mr. Myrdal will discuss in these countries preparations for an East-West trade meeting in Geneva beginning on April 20 and also arrangements for the annual session of the ECE in Geneva in April.

Dulles, Molotov Meet on Atom Bank

BERLIN, Saturday (UP).—Secretary of State Dulles and Soviet Foreign Minister V.M. Molotov held an "amiable" meeting tonight on means of pushing ahead President Eisenhower's atoms-for-peace plan, and agreed to meet again on the subject before the current Big Four conference ends.

The agreement to resume the discussion came during the talks in Washington between Mr. Dulles and Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin apparently indicated progress was being made.

Mr. Dulles and Mr. Molotov, accompanied by a few aides, conferred for 40 minutes in an ante-room of the Big Four conference building after the ninth daily session of the Berlin talks.

The purpose of their meeting was to talk over the procedure by which the plan could be put into effect.

Ali Seeks New Nehru Meeting on Kashmir

CALCUTTA, Saturday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Mohammed Ali of Pakistan said here today that he would ask Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru for a definite date for a meeting on the Kashmir issue.

The two leaders have met twice before on the question, once in Karachi and once in New Delhi.

Mohammed Ali said today he had received Nehru's reply to his suggestion and this showed the Indian leader's "inclination" to top-level talks.

Asked about the proposed U.S. military aid to Pakistan, Mohammed Ali said negotiations were still at an informal stage. "There has been no further progress," he said.

He stated that the question of a military pact with Turkey had not come up at all and added that there might be a treaty of friendship, commerce and trade between Turkey and Pakistan.

In New Delhi today Mr. Nehru said that "American military aid to Pakistan will not bring peace to the world but will disrupt peace and bring another war nearer."

Ex-Sultan of Morocco Arrives in Madagascar

MADAGASCAR, Saturday (Reuter). — Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef, deposed Sultan of Morocco who arrived here yesterday by air from Brazzaville in French Equatorial Africa, left last night in another plane for Antsirabe, a small hill resort south of the capital.

The deposed Sultan, accompanied by two of his wives, seven concubines and two sons, will stay at the Military Club in Antsirabe until he leaves on the next stage of his journey — believed to be Tahiti.

Ministers Approve Rise In Civil Service Pay

A monthly salary increase of IL.7 to IL.17 for civil servants up to Grade 5, and of IL.36 to IL.90 or IL.110 for Grades 6 to 1, has been approved by the Ministerial Committee on salaries and will be brought to the Cabinet today for approval, informed sources told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday.

It is learned that neither the Civil Servants' Union nor the Senior Civil Servants group is satisfied with the proposed increases.

About IL3m. would be necessary to pay the increases during the coming year.

Italian Chamber Defeats Fanfani Gov't, 303-260

ROME, Saturday (Reuter). — The Chamber of Deputies today voted down Premier Amintore Fanfani's 12-day old Christian Democrat Government.

It was the fourth government the Christian Democrat Party had tried to establish in the seven months since general elections.

Voting figures were 260 for, 303 against and 12 abstentions. Fifteen members of the 590-member Chamber did not attend the session.

Of the 264 Christian Democrats, 260 voted for the Government, as well as all five Republicans. The 13 Liberals abstained.

All other parties voted against the Government — Communists, Socialists, Social Democrats, Monarchists and Neo-Fascists.

The vote was taken after four days of debate on the Government's initial policy declaration. Although it was immediately clear that the Government's programme would not rally a majority, Professor Fanfani decided to go through the debate and the final confidence vote "so that all parties may assume full responsibility for their attitudes."

The debate showed that the Christian Democrat Party, the biggest in Parliament, cannot gain a sure majority for any government it promotes unless it accepts the terms of one or more of the small flanking parties. But a shift to either left or right from the centre position which the partyy has occupied for the last seven years is likely to impose a strain on its unity.

Offers of alliance or support in forming the next government were made to the Christian Democrats during the debate by parties as far apart as the Communists and Neo-Fascists.

45 Killed by Train While Cheering Nagib

KFAR EL ZAYAT, Egypt, Saturday (UP). — A train plowed into a huge crowd acclaiming President Mohammed Nagib at a whistle-stop appearance here today and killed 43 civilians and two policemen, according to police. Many others were injured.

The President's train was standing in the station here when a Diesel-engined train coming in from Alexandria rammed into the crowd clustered on the tracks to cheer Nagib.

Nagib remained in this town, which is about midway between Cairo and Alexandria, to direct first aid operations personally.

Svermova Jailed for Life

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—Prague Radio announced last night that Mme. Marie Svermova, described as chief accomplice of the executed Communist Party Secretary, Rudolf Slansky, had been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The radio said Mme. Svermova, a former member of the Czechoslovak Communist Party's Central Committee, was tried on January 26 and 27.

Six others accused with her were given prison sentences ranging from 15 to 25 years.

US Mid.-East Diplomats End 2-Day Meeting

AMMAN, Saturday (UP).—The U.S. top diplomats in the Middle East return to their posts today after a two-day session on improving the living conditions of Palestine refugees and other Middle East problems.

A communique issued last night said that during the conference "the hope was expressed that the U.S. could be of considerable assistance to the peoples of the Middle East in their economic development and their efforts to raise living standards."

Mr. Lester D. Mallory, Ambassador to Jordan, served as chairman for the meeting.

Tito Reelected Yugoslav President

BELGRADE, Saturday (Reuter) — Marshal Tito took the oath of office as President of the Republic this morning at a joint session of the Yugoslav National Assembly.

The Marshal was unanimously reelected for a further four-year term yesterday by the members of the joint session. There was no other candidate.

In a short address today Marshal Tito said he would continue to exert all his forces to build a better and happier future for all the peoples of Yugoslavia and for the prosperity of the Socialist community.

He said they were facing "great and difficult tasks in the construction of Socialism," but they could face the future with confidence.

After the President was sworn in the Parliament elected 20 members of the Federal Executive Council or Government. Hitherto it had been the practice always those proposed were Mr. Milovan Djilas, present Government leader, and Mr. Moshe Pijade, who was automatically confirmed on his appointment as President of Parliament.

The session ended with a unanimous vote by show of hands to accept a letter from Mr. Djilas submitting his resignation as a member of parliament. A by-election will be necessary in his constituency, Titograd, in Montenegro.

Following this elected as President of its Foreign Affairs Committee Mr. Vladimir Popovic, the hitherto Ambassador to the U.S. Two members of the Committee is Kardo Mrazovic and Secretary Lazar Mojsov.

President of the Foreign Affairs Committee hitherto was Vladimir Dedijer, who is under attack for supporting Mr. Djilas.

Addressing the House last night, Marshal Tito urged improved relations between Yugoslavia and the Soviet bloc.

In a survey of Yugoslav foreign and internal policy, he said that Yugoslavia's relations with the U.S., Britain and France had developed favourably mainly because they had not imposed new conditions on collaboration.

Unfortunately, Yugoslavia had not succeeded in achieving good neighbourly relations with Italy, he declared. This was said Yugoslavia's desire, he said, and Yugoslavia would "in the future attempt to find the possibility of an agreed settlement of the Trieste dispute and other questions existing between Yugoslavia and Italy."

UB to Send Jet Bombers To Morocco Base

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Air Force announced yesterday that it was sending the first unit of B-47 jet plane bombers to a base in French Morocco on rotational duty.

The Air Force said that about 45 Boeing-made jets, comprising the Strategic Air Command's wing now stationed in Louisiana, would fly to Morocco in a forerunner of the 47th Air Division in French Morocco sometime next month for a 90-day period of training duty.

Syrian Army Takes Over Five Troubled Provinces

Open Druze Revolt Reported

DAMASCUS, Saturday. — Army officers yesterday took over control of five important Syrian provinces placed under martial law on Thursday following clashes between police and "irresponsible persons."

UN Expects Results From Talks in J'lem

NEW YORK, Saturday (JINA).—The future of the Hirst Ya'acov development project will be resolved in Jerusalem rather than in the chamber of the Security Council here, U.N. circles predicted yesterday. The pending discussions between Prime Minister Sharett and the Truce Supervision Chief, General Vagn Bennike, are expected to have decisive results.

The general impression here is that the Security Council is completely powerless in handling this issue, since a majority decision cannot be effected owing to the Soviet veto.

Little likelihood is seen here of any Council action in the near future and the speculation is that there will be no further meetings of the Council on the Syrian complaint until after General Bennike reports on his talks with Mr. Sharett.

It is also considered unlikely that any of the Lebanese draft proposals will even be discussed.

BENNIKE CALLS ON SHARETT

General Vagn Bennike, U.N. Chief-of-Staff, accompanied by M. Henri Vigier and Lt. Colonel William T. McAninch, of the Truce Supervision Organization, called on Mr. Moshe Sharett on Friday on the occasion of his appointment as Prime Minister. It is understood that no political subjects were discussed.

Arab Legion Fires On Police Patrol

An Israel police unit, patrolling along the Armistice lines, was fired upon by members of the Arab Legion at 9 a.m. yesterday, the Army spokesman has announced.

Fire was opened up from four Jordan positions, including the police station at Kalkilia. Under cover of the fire from the police station, five of the attackers invaded Israel territory.

The police patrol returned the fire and the attackers withdrew. The patrol sustained no casualties. Legion firing towards the Rosh Ha'ayin-Kfar road lasted one hour more.

A sharp complaint has been lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission and an immediate enquiry and an emergency session have been demanded. The investigation has been fixed for this morning.

Attempts by Jordanians to infiltrate into the northern sector of the Armistice lines on Friday afternoon and evening led to the death of one infiltrator and the wounding of another.

Israel has lodged complaints with the MAC over these attempts.

An official announcement yesterday named the troubled districts as Aleppo, Hamma, Homs, Damascus and Jebel Druze, which cover the entire length of western Syria, where most of the country's 3,333,000 population live.

The Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces has been appointed Military Governor.

The Syrian Lawyers Association yesterday proclaimed a general strike. This followed the arrest of a number of lawyers, including the secretary of the Damascus Lawyers Association and the president of the Homs Bar Association.

Starts in Jebel Druze

According to "Falastin," Jerusalem Old City daily, an open revolt has begun in Jebel Druze, the bulwark of the strongly oppositional Druze community in Syria. This followed upon the arrest of two of mountain chief Sultan Pasha Atrash's sons. The entire Jebel has been isolated from the surrounding area by army forces which threw a cordon around it.

The Jordan frontier has been reinforced to prevent arms or money being shipped across the border from Jordan to aid Sultan Pasha Atrash, leader of the 1926 Syrian revolt against the French.

Military reinforcements were sent to the district after three policemen died in a fight Wednesday in an effort to put Sultan Pasha Atrash under house arrest. Partisan followers of the mountain leader were reported rushing to the area.

Colonel Zeid Atrash of the army command was detained at headquarters barracks in Damascus, and the former Governor of the Jebel, Hassan Atrash, was arrested while attempting to break through the cordon.

In his first proclamation to the citizens of greater Damascus, the military governor prohibited the assembling of more than three persons in the city's streets and the carrying of arms. He announced that special field courts would try violators.

Parliament Summoned

President Shishakly today called Parliament into session to discuss the situation and approve the proclamation that martial law would remain in effect for one month.

The Supreme Defence Council has also been convened, and its members have been told to consider themselves in continuous session.

Details on the events which preceded and followed the imposition of martial law were learned during the week-end from reports published in the Beirut Press and cabled by the Damascus correspondents of NEARB on Friday just before strict censorship restrictions were imposed.

According to these reports, large numbers of demonstrators protesting Wednesday's arrests clashed with Syrian tank units on Thursday morning. Scores of persons were injured in Homs, Hamma, and Aleppo, the three major opposition centres in the north. *(Reuter, NEARB, UP)*

Eban Urges No Arms be Sent To Arabs; Stresses Peak Hostility

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (UP). — Israel, charging that Arab hostility has reached a new high, appealed to the West yesterday to stop any idea of sending military aid to any of the Arab states.

Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban told a news conference: "I do not remember any moment since the Arab invasion of Israel in 1948 at which the hostility and lawlessness of Arab Governments were at so high a pitch over so wide a front."

Citing the Egyptian blockade, Syrian opposition to an Israel hydro-electric project, Iraq's arrest of Israel air travellers and "bellicose" statements of the King of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Eban said:

"It is a picture of total hostility. There is an Arab flight from agreements and obligations along the entire front... It would be inconceivable to the highest degree that at such a climax of Arab hostility and lawlessness, military aid should be given to any member of the Arab League whose governments have brought the peace of our area to its present stage of peril."

Mr. Eban's appeal stemmed from reports that the West is considering plans to link Iraq and Saudi Arabia with Turkey and Pakistan in building Middle East defences against Communism.

He singled out Iraq for particular condemnation, saying: "Iraq, which is sometimes mentioned in this context (possible aid), is the most extremist member on the councils of this extremist coalition, the leader and pioneer of the original aggression against Israel, and the source of numerous irridentist and expansionist policies in the Middle East."

The Israel diplomat said the Arab policy had been bad enough when it constituted an absolute refusal to do anything constructive to translate the Armistice into permanent peace. Lately, he said, it has deteriorated to refusal to accept anything in the Armistice that does not conform to a policy of "intensified hostility."

One of the specific aims of Mr. Eban's conference was to distribute the detailed five-page

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Pakistan, Turkey Talks Under Way

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Saturday.—Pakistan-Turkish talks were scheduled to begin today in Karachi. If they are successful, American military aid will be extended to Pakistan under the provisions of the Mutual Security Act, but Senator Alexander Wiley, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, stated at last night's dinner of the American Friends of the Middle East that "no military alliance between us and Pakistan is under consideration."

Senator Wiley gave assurance that no deal for American bases in Pakistan was under consideration and pointed out the M.S.A. provision precluding the use of arms against India.

Turkish President Celal Bayar addressing Congress yesterday made no mention of the proposed Pakistan pact, but proudly pointed to its forerunner — the tripartite Balkan Pact signed last year with Greece and Yugoslavia — as a fine example of how Turkey "sought to fill the gaps existing on the peace front."

Gap Ignored

Americans are presently ignoring the gap between Turkey and Pakistan — notably Iran and Iraq who are largely neutralist, but Middle East observers pointed out weeks ago that the West hopes eventually to bring another Arab state into the "peace front." Britain is pushing Iraq as the next candidate for Western arms from her factories with M.S.A. funds.

Senator Wiley was the concluding speaker at the two-day conference of the American Friends of the Middle East. Like Mr. John Cogley, editor of "Commonweal," who spoke on Thursday, he urged Arab-Israel peace, to the consternation of the small audience of 300, consisting of representatives of the Arab States, Arab Americans, and long-time friends of the Arabs in clerical and academic circles.

"It is time — it is long past time — for both sides to give more considerations to the advantages of peace," he said. "Both sides must accept the inevitable, show realism and less wishful thinking in their approach to the problem."

Arab officials have vehemently protested to the officers of the organization regarding talking about peace from the platform of an organization claiming friendship with the Arabs.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Mr. Emanuel H. Bloch, the lawyer for the executed atom spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, was found dead in his bath in New York yesterday. Police said death was due to natural causes.

Four Marauder Thefts

Marauders carried out four raids in the past few days in widely separated parts of the country.

Two autos and a move valued together at more than IL.1,000, were stolen on Friday night from Nahariya, in the Jerusalem corridor. Tracks of three men led to the border.

A radio and two goats, valued at IL.350, were stolen from member Nahalu, in the South, on Wednesday night. Tracks of three infiltrators led towards the Egyptian border.

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Johnston Urges Int'l Water Scheme for Middle East

WASHINGTON, Saturday (USIS). — In the political climate which prevails in the Middle East today, "it would seem to be more than ever imperative to approach the problem of river development internationally," Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special representative, yesterday told the annual meeting of the American Friends of the Middle East. "Unilateral efforts to harness the stream can only be expected to create further tensions," he added.

Mr. Johnston is returning to the Middle East soon for further discussions with the governments concerned on the Jordan Valley project prepared for the United Nations by an American engineering firm.

LATRUN PACT EXTENDED

The Latrun Agreement, granting permission to Jordan workmen to cultivate the Trappist Monastery's lands in no-man's-land, has been extended for one month until February 28, "Falastin" reports. The extension was signed at a meeting of Jordan and Israel Local Commanders last Thursday afternoon.

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Social & Personal

The President received the Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph, on Friday.

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The Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, visited Mr. David Ben Gurion at Sde Boker on Friday.

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A concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the distinguished patronage of Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, was held at the Ohel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv last night in aid of the Israel Branch of the World Veterans Federation. Mr. Walter Susskind conducted and was piano soloist. Among those present were the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Defence Minister, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, members of the Diplomatic Corps, General Vagn Bennike, senior Government officials and other prominent persons.

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Mr. Louis Boyar, Chairman of the State of Israel Bond Drive in Los Angeles, conferred with the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, yesterday. Last night he and Mrs. Boyar were the dinner guests of the Minister of Development and Mrs. Dov Joseph at their Jerusalem home. Earlier they inspected industrial plants in the Jerusalem area.

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Dr. Herzl Berger, M.K., who recently returned from the U.S. where he served as member of the Israel mission to the U.N., lectured on his impressions of America and American Jewry Friday night, to a meeting of the Amit Academic Club, Tel Aviv.

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The Israel-Poland Friendship League held a memorial meeting for the late Polish-Jewish poet, Julian Tuvim, on the 30th day from his death, in the Beit Hehalutzot, Tel Aviv, on Friday night.

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Mr. S.W. Gerstel, First Vice-President of ICOA, subsidiary of Palestine Economic Corp., U.S., has returned from a business trip to Switzerland.

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Mr. Yehuda Roth, Tel Aviv District's Court Clerk, has been appointed Secretary to the Juvenile Court in Tel Aviv.

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Passengers aboard the El Al plane which left on Friday included the 12-man "Pow Wow" dance troupe, leaving for Rome after a series of appearances here; the Raisner Trio, after a three-week visit; and Mr. I. Metzger, editor of the "Forward," New York Yiddish daily, after a short visit.

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The exhibition of "Dutch Painting 1350-1950" at the Tel Aviv Museum will remain open continuously from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and every Sunday during its month's presentation in Tel Aviv. On other days it is open daily till 7 p.m.

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Plan to Control Cancer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Cancer kills about 3,000 persons in Israel every year.

With facilities available at present at least 1,000 of these victims could be saved — and will be saved — through the Cancer Control Programme now getting into stride under the leadership of an American cancer specialist, Dr. Philip Lipsett. Four months of his effort: spurred the Ministry of Health, Kupat Holim and other medical organizations into active co-operation with the Israel Cancer Association, and wholehearted support of the Control Programme.

"We must make the public aware that the only hope of cure lies in early detection and treatment of the disease," declared Dr. Lipsett. But extensive public education has commenced in some countries and created a cancer phobia.

To conquer both ignorance and hysterical fear, the Programme includes establishment of Tumour Boards, manned by specialists, who will examine suspected cases and prescribe measures. The Mayor of Haifa has offered the services of a doctor and nurse and has promised to house and equip a diagnostic centre. Rambam Hospital has already set up a Tumour Board.

"Cancer is second to heart disease as a cause of death throughout the world," and Israel is no exception, Dr. Lipsett revealed. This country lacks a system for collating case-material and the physicians lack knowledge of the latest methods.

Lectures on cancer treatment have begun, and more are planned. The Association will hold a three-day course for doctors in April at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

"We also want to raise the standards of specialists," said Dr. Lipsett. He is a surgeon of 25 years' experience, a former faculty member of Columbia University and the University of California.

Through the Preventive Medicine Department of the Health Ministry, a Cancer Registry is to be maintained to record and follow up on cases. Clinical research, Dr. Lipsett explained, depends on correlation of accurate data. "With the help of the Israel Government and the medical profession, it should be possible to learn what type of cancer is most prevalent here, perhaps throwing light on the conditions stimulating cancer."

For example, the survey of womb-cancer, undertaken by the Medical School with a WHO grant, confirmed that Jewish women are more immune to such a growth than Gentile women. Dr. Lipsett also lauded the experimental work now going forward in the Weizmann Institute's new Department of Biology and in the Medical School.

Friday's Press:

Master Plan Of Violence

The recent increase in the number of acts of violence on Israel's border is part of a master plan, says "Haboker" (General Zionist), demanding strong Israel reaction: otherwise we shall return to the U.N. observers' old routine of sometimes "condemning" the attackers and sometimes defending them in order to maintain the "balance". Nobody in Israel wants a second Kibya but the paper thinks that an Israel reply will be inevitable if the attacks continue and grow in both intensity and numbers. There is no doubt, however, that the U.N. and the other international parties could put a stop to this aggression and it must now be demanded of them that they do so. Those who are only too eager to express their horror about Israel defensive measures must now be asked to voice their protest publicly before an Israel reaction occurs.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) believes that it is now the right time to ask Israel and the Israel Government to enter direct talks with Colonel Shishakly as demanded by Mr. Vishinsky at the U.N. in order to request the Syrian dictator's agreement to the exploitation of the Jordan River in the best interest of both countries.

Changes in "Consistoire"

"Davar" (Histadrut) comments on the changes in the presidency of the "Consistoire", the supreme body of French Jewry. The replacement of M. André Wurmser, the former president, was a result of the criticism caused by his speech on the occasion of welcoming the new Israel envoy. M. Wurmser used this opportunity to settle old accounts with the Zionist Movement and the State of Israel, stressing in his credo that "we are Frenchmen and only Frenchmen" and that "we have no ties with Israel." Most members of the consistory disagreed and even those who supported M. Wurmser believed that hardly to be the most propitious moment for a clarification of these problems. M. Wurmser has now been replaced by M. Alain Rothschild.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) complains about the lack of planning and coordination between the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (which has decided to increase poultry breeding) and the Ministry of Agriculture, which according to the Development Scheme proposed to the Knesset the extension of poultry breeding. "Zmanim" (Progressive) also deals with the routine of work in the Ministry of Commerce and Idustry and says in a second leader that the postal authorities should have waited with their decision to raise the price of postage and cables and telephone calls abroad, because it does not tally with the Government's general economic policy.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) endorses the demand of the P.E.C. workers and employees. Mr. Y. Hasan in the same paper continues his articles of reply to Mr. Ben Gurion's recent contributions in "Davar" (another one appeared on Friday) on the future of the Zionist movement and the relations between Mapai and Mapam.

Prof. Leo Kohn's Inaugural Lecture

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The defenders of international law are the true realists in the world of today. The historian has been called a prophet whose eyes look to the past; the student of international relations must examine the present in the light of the past, but with an eye to the future.

This claim was made by Professor Leo Kohn, successor to Professor Norman Bentwich in the Weizmann Chair of International Relations, in his inaugural lecture at the Hebrew University before a large audience on Thursday night.

Professor Kohn first surveyed the impact of international relations on the study of politics and sociology in modern times. He described the development in this comparatively new field and mentioned that the first Professor of International Relations was appointed at the University of Wales in 1919. He pointed out that this branch of political science came to the fore only with the League of Nations and the United Nations which inaugurated a new epoch no longer dominated by the concept of unrestricted sovereignty.

Professor Kohn then distinguished three aspects which he defined as the dynamics, the mechanics and the statics of his science, and their relation to a great variety of determining factors, such as history, geography, economics, technology and culture.

The lecturer then dwelt briefly on the history of diplomacy and foreign services, the growing importance of international law, the emergence of geopolitics and the various theories of cycles in civilization.

Man, Professor Kohn concluded, is and remains the decisive factor in international relations, a fact which, he said, found striking confirmation in the renascence of Israel.

The lecturer was introduced by Professor R. Bachi, Dean of the new Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Science.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

at 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Hold Back the Dawn.
EDEN: The Hour of 8.
EDISON: Barbe Bleue.
ORGIL: Where's Charley? (3rd week)
ORION: The Golden Hawk.
ORNA: Coiffeur Pour Dames.
STUDIO: Evelyn. (3rd week).
ZION: Scarlet Angel.

Visitors' Gallery: Construction King

A 56-YEAR-OLD dynamo of energy and know-how, husky Louis Boyar is determined to give the worn-out phrase of lending a "helping hand" a new meaning. It is not the first he has extended to Israel: a leader of the American Jewish Community, at the head of the drives of the United Jewish Appeal and State of Israel Bonds, he is now Chairman for Israel Bonds in Los Angeles.

Mr. Boyar, one of America's construction kings and responsible for a record number of roofs over the heads of families on America's straggling West Coast, has come here to fulfil a cherished desire.

"What I want," he said, shortly after his arrival here for an intensive 12-day inspection of the country, "is to go to a kibbutz, roll up my sleeves and set to work." He will interrupt his conferences with Ministers and visits to development projects to slip quietly into a Jordan Valley settlement where he will report for a full day's work.

National Jewish leaders attribute much of the organizing genius of the past decade in pulling together the sprawling West Coast Jewish Community to Mr. Boyar and the men and women he has inspired to help. Since 1948, he has been a member of the National Board of the United Jewish Appeal and of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Drive. His experiences in this field, the problems he has solved and the straightening out of faults in campaign structure have now been put to good use in other communities.

Starting out in the jewellery business, he left Chicago for California 20 years ago at the height of the derpession, and soon after sent for his wife (an outstanding and devoted Hadassah worker). Together, they began anew in Los Angeles. Two years later, Mr. Boyar began to work in the field of construction. Today, 'Boyar' and 'New Homes' are synonymous throughout California. With more than 350,000 Jews scattered over 120 kilometres in the Los Angeles community, Mr. Boyar is constantly kept busy. In between voluntary activities on behalf of Jewish causes, he has managed to establish two of California's foremost apartment building firms, the Aetna Construction Company and Lakewood Park; the latter built 18,000 of 25,000 housing units to put a new town on the map of expanding California within four years: the city of Lakewood.

"What Israel needs," Mr. Boyar concludes, "is a helping hand," and his is extended.

LOUIS BOYAR

Religious Services

JERUSALEM

St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): H.C. 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Canon H.R.H. Jones, M.C., 7.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial): M.S. 10 a.m. Rev. J.G.L. Christie, M.C. M.O.A. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6 p.m.

Zion Christian Mission (Prophets St. near Ha'Mesila): Rev. Nils Folke Sunday, Combined Service at Y.M.C.A. 7.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. (German Hospice Chapel): Languages: German, Italian, English, French, 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel: Languages: English, French, German, Italian, St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne): Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese: 8 a.m. Josaphs Chapel (near King David Hotel): Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German: 9 a.m., St. Pierre de Sion. 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 7.30 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Grisbowsky.

Bible Evangelistic Mission Assembly of God, Mamillah Road, Corner King George: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Wednesday & Friday, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster).

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6 p.m. All welcome. Brethren (Y.M.C.A. Room 110): Breaking of Bread, 5 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Hebrew Evangelisation Soc. Mission, (Musrara 38/13): 7 p.m. Hebrew: 8 p.m. English, German. Thursday: 7.30 p.m. English, German.

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation: Open Gen Hatavia, Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventists Congregation in Israel (Rehov Abraham Lincoln): Friday: Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Saturday: M.W., 9 a.m.: Lecture Service in French, German, Bulgarian with translation in English.

Jehovah's Witnesses: 16/6 Moria St. Baka's: Tuesday: 6.30 p.m.: Saturday: Bible Study, 5.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (off 19 Elat St.): H.C. 7.30 a.m. M.P. 10 a.m. E.P. 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B. 1772.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's) Jaffa: M.S., 10 a.m., E.S., 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Catholic), Jaffa Port: 7 a.m. Weekdays 6 p.m. Languages: French, Italian, Spanish.

French Hospital: 8 a.m. Weekdays: 6 a.m.

St. Anthony's Church (Street 4): 8 & 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Weekdays: 7 a.m. Languages: Arabic, English, French, Italian.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 697 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 32.8, 48.9 & 822 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 9.30 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 p.m.

8.30 a.m. Service. 8.35 Exercise. 8.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Music (R). 9.00 Service from the Coptic Church, Jaffa. 10.30 Close Down.

12.00 M. Music at Noon (R). 12.30 Historical Concert. 12.55 Requests (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 5.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Sports (R). 4.40 Vocal Recital: Franziska Boppert. 5.00 Ten Time Music (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Tzavai Orchestra, Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger: "Prelude" (Shostakovitch); Suite "Uriel Acosta" (Ran'hous); 7.30 Talk. 7.40 Intervals (R). 7.45 "What's New". 8.15 Concert. 9.00 "Walls of Work". 9.35 Bible Readings. 9.50 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor: Walter Susskind, Overture "Creatures of Prometheus" (Beethoven); Piano Concerto No. 20 (Mozart). 9.30 Recital (R). 10.00 Vocal Recital: Sarah Leah. 10.30 Variety. 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

(458, 220, 205, 49.9 M.)

English News: 1.00 p.m.; 10.15 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Chess. 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.30 Story. 5.55 Cantoral Recordings. 5.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 49.9 & 480 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.9 M.): 11.15 News. 11.22 Personal Column. 11.30 Around the Settlements.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 236 & 320 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 6.55 Entrance Ticket. 7.30 Today's Events: 7.45 Sports. 8.00 I. A. F. Band. 8.30 News. 8.45 Evening Tunes. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (34.92 & 30.99 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News, News Talk. Echoes from the World.

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THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Market Quiet But Firm As High Level Is Maintained

TEL AVIV.—After a period of large turnovers and considerable price fluctuations, last week showed a decline, both in volume and activity. There were a few fluctuations, but on the whole the high level reached during the recent boom was maintained and the tendency was quietly firm throughout.

During the week, Kurdaneh 7% Convertible Bearer Debentures made their first appearance at 110½%. The rights to subscribe these debentures at 102% were dealt with earlier in the week at 6%. The most conspicuous changes were those of Potash and Electric issues. Palestine Potash pref. increased by 26 points to 418% on Thursday, near the previous high levels; ordinary shares rose by 17 points to 222%. Palestine Electric, both London and Israel Register, dropped by 14 and 7 points respectively, closing on Thursday at 514% and 453%. Jerusalem Electric recovered from last week's set-back to 330%, but lost again later, so that on the balance there was a recovery of 10 points only. They closed on Thursday at 313%, some 40 points below their recent peak.

Nesher "B" debentures were again in demand, rising from 141% to 158%, but later reacted to 149%. On February 4, 1954, the meeting of debenture holders will take place to consider the change which occurred as a result of Nesher's producing "Portland" instead of "S" cement. It is not yet known whether on this occasion the matter of the IL.20.- excise per ton will also be raised. At any rate, investors seem to be confident about the final outcome of the issue.

The Tavel Dollar market, which usually shows the biggest turnover, was very quiet this week, with prices fluctuating sometimes by not more than two or three prutot. On the balance, there was a recovery of 20 prutot during the week, and the level reached some time ago was maintained. The question of the 15.12.53 coupon is still unsettled. Investors appear to expect that the Treasury's decision to pay this coupon at the rate of IL.1.= $1 is not final. In other securities there were only minor changes, if any.

On Friday, the trend remained unchanged though Bank Leumi shares dropped 11 points, Palestine Potash improved by two points, while Palestine Electric and Jerusalem Electric shares declined slightly.

LONDON. — The new account started well for most sections. British Government stocks went ahead in a small way, while in foreign bonds there was buying of German, Rumanian, Hungarian, Japanese and Greek bonds, which were slightly higher. Industrial issues were lively, with gains in electrical equipment, engineering and textiles. Gold issues again attracted attention and coppers were firm.

Reuters Daily Index for industrials was 156.3 against 154.9 last week.

NEW YORK.—With dealings of over two million shares in one day, Wall Street made further progress, and high levels were reached. Towards the end of the week, the trend reversed slightly, when technical considerations gained the upper hand and some profit-taking set in. Considering the upward trend of the past fortnight, this pause seemed almost overdue. However, with the current corporate news, a bullish factor, it is felt that this pause may be brief.

Dow Jones Averages for 30 industrials was 292.22, against 289.14 last week.

GOLD.—Claims for higher wages and possible repercussion on the French economy, caused a sharp rise of gold prices in Paris. This rally, however, was short-lived, as optimistic news from the Berlin conference came through. Trading was rather slow. In Zurich, the price of sovereign was sfrs.40.50 against sfrs.41.- two weeks ago.

COMMODITIES. — In London, rubber sagged further, while on the London metal exchange tin declined by £8 to £847 per ton. Wheat was firmer, and wool futures improved. Reuters U.K. Commodity Index was 498.3 against 495.1 last week.

In New York, prices were mixed. After a sharp rise in coffee prices, a reaction set in on account of President Eisenhower's statement that a full-scale investigation would be made on the coffee situation. At the same time, South American planters claimed that the recent rise in the coffee price was only natural after the damage caused to plantations by the last frost.

The Dow Jones Spot Commodity Index was 276.04 against 276.17 last week. The U.S. Agriculture Department reports that wheat holding has exceeded the previous peak of 1953.

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5% 1950 (reg.)	102½	—
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5% 1952 (reg.)	100	—
Pop. Loans		
1950/60 (IL.10)	99½	— ½
1950/75 (IL.10)	98½	— ½
6½% Tavel Dollar	1277½	+2½
3½% Tavel Dollar	1265½	+1
3½% War Loan 51/52	81½	+½
3½% Govt. Bonds large	81½	+½
Pal. Mortgage Bd.		
Ser. 3	73	+½
Ser. 4	73	+½
Ser. 5	74	+½
S. Loans Ord. sh.	334	—
A.P.E. Bonds		
6% Debs. 55/70	99	—
4½% Pref. sh.	105½	+½
Ord. sh. "P"	122½	+½
Gen. Mortg. 5%		
4% Debs. 51/63	77½	+½
6% Pref. sh.	79½	+½
Bisur		
6% Debs. 48/58	93½	—
4½% Debs. 52/62 reg.	79½	—
Mtg. Ltd.		
4% Debs. 59/69	69	—
5% Pref. sh.	72½	+½
Paper Debs. 6% 52/62	79½	—
P.E.D.C. Ord. sh.	132½	—
Pal. Cable	94	—½
Afr. Pal. Inv. Ord. sh.	130	+½
Rassco		
6% Debs 56/66	79½	—
6% Pref. Ord. sh.	96½	+½
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh	417	+3
"A" ord. sh.	225	+3
Pal. Elec. Ord. sh. (ex.)	430	—1
Mekoroth Pref. sh.	79½	—½
Ata 6% "C" Pref. sh.	113	—
Ord. "B" sh.	1566	—8
6-6% Cons. Debs.	104	—a)
"Hamashbir" Ord. "B" sh	1681	—½
Ameta-Bat. ("B" sh.	1734	+½
"Tevu" Ord. sh.	102	+½
Nesher 6% Debs. Ser. A	117½	—1c)
6% Debs. Ser. B	149	—c)
Pal. Cold St. 7% Debs.	1335	—1
Lodzia 6% Pref. sh.	75½	—
B.A. Binyan Ord. sh.	89	—b)
Pal. Comb. Tr. pref. sh	94	—

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-right; x) prutot per one Dollar.

Where to go

JERUSALEM
★ Archaeology: Permanent exhibition and finds from excavation near Ein Gedi. Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. 9-1.
★ Exhibitions:— Paintings by Melita Schiffer and David Wittman, auspices: The Israel Painters and Sculptors Association, Artists' House. 10-1, 4-6.
★ Lecture:— "How to Learn Languages," by Mr. Judah L. Shuval; Be'eri Club, 8.30 p.m.
★ Tours: — Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta. 10 a.m.
★ Film Show: — Koren Hayesod, 11.30-12.30.

TEL AVIV
★ Exhibitions:— 100 Years Dutch Painting. Also exhibitions by Eisenscher and E. Louisida. Museum, 10 a.m.—10 p.m.
★ Theatre: — Habimah, "Cry, the Beloved Country," Habimah Theatre. 8 p.m. (also 3.30 p.m. for pupils and youth).
"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
★ Entertainment: — Concert at "Noga" Cafe, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.
★ Lectures: — "The Purpose of State Education" by Dr. S. Fayenes-Glick, Beit Hamoreh, 9 Rehov Strauss, 8 p.m.
"Zionism versus the State of Israel"; Dr. J.B. Schechtman, American member of the Zionist General Council; South African Zionist Federation Hall, 109 Rehov Hayarkon, 8.30 p.m.

HAIFA
★ Exhibitions:— Leonardo da Vinci—the artist and the "man of science." Reproductions and photographs arranged by Mr. E. Kolb, Director of Tel Aviv Museum. Municipal Museum, 10-1, 4-8.

TIBERIAS
★ Theatre: — De-Re-Mi, "Countess Maritza," Operette. 8.30 p.m.

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A. AHAVIA
Director of Property Tax Department, Ministry of Finance.

NEW OVERSEAS MAIL, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE RATES

The Postmaster General announces that owing to the 20% increase in the official exchange rate of foreign currency, new tariffs for overseas mail, telegraph and telephone will be effective on February 1, 1954. Letters, parcels, telegrams and radio-telephone calls are affected by these rates.

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Mt. Canaan	89	4	10	13
Tiberias	—	10	16	19
Haifa Port	68	11	17	19
Natanya	87	9	16	19
Tel Aviv Port	—	—	16	19
Lydda Airport	68	7	13	21
Jerusalem	58	6	11	13
Beersheba	61	2	13	20
Eilat	50	8	21	24

FORECAST: Possible light showers in the morning in the North becoming fair and hazy.

*A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today

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BLOCKED ACCOUNTS of foreign insurance companies earned here during 1953 will be released at the $1 per IL.1 rate, it was learned on Friday. Only accounts handed into the Accountant General's Office by February 15 are included in the circular issued recently. They amount to about IL.6m. and will be paid out over the year.

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A HEAD OF BEEF cattle are due at Haifa from Yugoslavia in the s.s. Falto today.

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MUNICIPAL and agricultural property taxes for 1953/54 must be paid before March 31, the Director of Tax Collections announces. Persons delaying payment beyond that date will have to pay an additional 20%.

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A BEDUIN was shot and wounded another Beduin in the Negev, mistaking him for an infiltrator, was sentenced to seven days in prison by the Tel Aviv District Court on Friday.

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MISHEL JORZI, 26, was detained on Friday night in Moshav Nahlat, in the South, for firing three shots in the air in order to persuade his wife not to leave their home following a quarrel between them.

Three Killed In Road Accidents

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Three persons were killed and a fourth was injured in road accidents yesterday.

A hit-and-run lorry knocked down Mrs. Dina Pikarsky, 50, and Mrs. Naomi Pikarsky, 62, both of Ramat Hasharon, on the main road from Tel Aviv to their village last night. They were both taken to the Tel Hashomer hospital where Mrs. Naomi Pikarsky died shortly after midnight.

Mr. Shimon Orcha, 35, of Sacha Darwish, Jaffa, a passenger in a tender driving along the Natanya coastal road was killed yesterday afternoon when the tender collided with a lorry near the Tel Baruch road. Both drivers were detained.

David Zakaon, 18, of Affula, was killed when he fell off a moving command car near the town yesterday.

Give Hearty Welcome To Capital—Szold

By a Special Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Private capital cannot be commandeered, it must be attracted; it must be given a hearty, not a grudging welcome, and a law to encourage it must be such as to be believed in. Given these conditions, there may be an ample flow of private capital from the U.S. for investment in Israel, Mr. Robert Szold, President of the Palestine Economic Corporation, said at the reception given in his honour at Z.O.A. house here yesterday. Mr. Szold was accompanied by his wife.

Among the guests were Mr P. Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Y. Rokach, Minister of the Interior; Mr. Y. Serlin, Minister of Health; Dr. H. Gruenbaum, Director-General of the P.E.C., and Dr. A. Barth, General Manager of the Bank Leumi. Dr. E. Neumann, of the Jewish Agency Executive, was in the chair.

"I am for private capital," Mr. Szold pointed out, "for I believe that it has yet a great role to perform in this country. Independence in the political field is insecure unless economic independence is attained, too. Private capital is most efficient in putting people on their own feet and making them self-respecting and independent of foreign aid. There are potential resources in the U.S. which have not yet been tapped."

Dr. Neumann cited the recent decision of the Government to acquire the Palestine Electric Corporation as an instance of adverse factors affecting the flow of private investments from the U.S.

He lauded the new note struck by the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, in his programme speech before the Knesset, when referring to the Zionist Organization as having a special place within world Jewry. It was the first time that the Israel Government had publicly recognized this special position and favourably consented to it, Dr. Neumann added.

Mr. Bernstein, too, aired his misgivings about the Government decision concerning the acquisition of the Palestine Electric Corporation. "We fought it tooth and nail," he said, "but it was already too late, and I doubt whether there is still place for redress."

One of the prime conditions for restoring the flow of investments into Israel was the establishment of our currency, he maintained, which may be achieved in the course of the next year.

Guests present included Mr. W. Kramer, of the U.S. Embassy; General Zionist Members of the Knesset; industrialists and businessmen.

Haifa Child, 3, Found by Police After 630 Joined 19-Hour Search

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — Cold and wet, in semi-coma, three-year-old Paina Cherolinski was found at 11.15 a.m. today beneath a bush on a small hill after a 19-hour search in which 350 policemen and more than 300 residents from her village of Gav Yam Ginzel in the Bay area participated. She was found by Sergeant A. Shwebel, of the Haifa police force.

The child left her home yesterday afternoon to play with a group of children in the sand dunes near the home. At 4.30 p.m., the children came home and Paina's parents, noting her absence, set out to search for her.

At 6 p.m. the police were called and arrived in full strength. The searchers, using searchlights, loudspeaker vans, rockets, bloodhounds, and an airplane, continued to look for the child until 3 a.m. in the morning when the inclement weather forced them to stop.

Before the search was called off for the night, a special bloodhound from the police dog school at Beit Dagon was brought to the scene. He picked up the missing girl's trail, but lost it again after 300 metres because of the heavy rains.

At dawn, the search was resumed, but it was only near noon when she was found. After a medical examination, she was sent home. Police stress that no signs of violence were found on her.

The search was supervised by Mr. M. Sela, Haifa District Police Commander, and Mr. Y. Sheffi, Haifa sub-district commander.

Progressives Face Decision Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The National Board of the Progressive Party will meet here tomorrow night to decide whether to enter the Government on the condition that the "percentage clause" (limiting Knesset representation to parties gaining more than a certain percentage of the popular vote) is left in abeyance until May or June.

After discussions between the Prime Minister and General Zionist representatives in Tel Aviv on Thursday, their offer was finally 'phoned through by Mr. Sharett to Lydda Airport late on Thursday night, where Mr. Moshe Kol was being seen off on a Youth Aliya mission by other Progressive Party leaders.

Mr. Kol was on his way by El Al to Paris en route to a four-day conference of the International Association of Children's Communities to be held in the south of France.

The Association is sponsored by UNESCO and includes many bodies from a number of countries, including the Arab states, who will also be represented at this meeting.

The president of the Association is M. Rene de Couman, of Belgium. Mr. Kol and a British representative are vice-presidents. Youth Aliya is a member both as an Israel and an international organization.

Govrin Reports On Mapai-Mapam Talks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

If Mapam decides to enter the Government after the next general elections, it will be because of the influence of wage-earning members of that party, Mr. Aliza Govrin, Mapai M.K., said at a public meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. He was reporting on the failure of the month-long negotiations between the two parties, in which he represented, Mapai, and on the tasks facing the new Coalition at home and abroad.

He expressed the hope that the Progressives would decide to join the Coalition, and said that the original clause proposing the withdrawal of Knesset representation from parties not polling a certain percentage of the total vote was proposed by a Progressive, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, former Minister of Justice, and not by Mr. David Ben Gurion.

The protracted Mapai-Mapam negotiations gave the former time to conduct an exhaustive study of Mapam's stand, Mr. Govrin said. Mapai had shown its willingness to accept the demand to do without the American Grant-in-Aid if Mapam would agree to prove that it was harming the country's development. Regarding the Mapam demand that the Government should "revert to a neutral foreign policy," Mr. Govrin said that this could not be accepted because its basis was unfounded.

Unemployment Fund

His answer to Mapam's proposal that a special IL.15m. fund be set up to fight unemployment was that the Government had spent IL.30m. last year in fighting unemployment in various ways. Another Mapam demand, that the basic wages of workers be raised by 15%, was refused outright.

Mapai, the speaker said, had proposed the following agreement on foreign policy: Israel should support the U.N.; work towards peace with the Arab States who had to be brought to accept the existence of Israel as a sovereign State; strengthening border security; acceptance of foreign aid only if no strings are attached; and that Israel would not join any alliance aimed against the U.S.S.R., but would urge that country to open its gates to Jewish emigration.

Turning to the Government's domestic problems, Mr. Govrin noted that unemployment was expected to be especially severe in April. Ways had to be found to absorb the jobless in productive work.

Last year, IL.30m. went for subsidies, he said. In effect, he emphasized, the State had "eaten" this money which should have been dedicated to development.

The income tax burden is not heavy, especially not on hired workers, he said, adding that those that talked most about this burden paid little or no tax. When these persons had been made to pay, it was expected that this year's collections would top IL.115m. as compared with IL.70m. last year.

Soccer League Leaders Win

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The results of five First Division soccer games today brought no surprises and the League table did not change.

Tel Aviv Maccabi beat Kfar Saba Hapoel 8:1 (4:0) in Kfar Saba. Maccabi inside-right Yisraeli scored three goals, Goldstein and Ronnit scored one each. Avrunsky scored the only Hapoel goal.

Other results were:

Petah Tikva Maccabi: Balfouria Hapoel 9:1 (3:0); Petah Tikva Hapoel: Natanya Maccabi 3:1 (3:0); Tel Aviv Hapoel: Haifa Maccabi 2:0 (1:0); Rehovot Maccabi: Ramat Gan Hapoel 6:0.

Tel Aviv Maccabi stays in the lead with 31 points from 16 games. Petah Tikva Maccabi is second with 26 points. They are followed by Petah Tikva Hapoel 24, Tel Aviv Hapoel 22, (19 games) and Rehovot Maccabi 18 points (from 20 games).

WOMAN JAILED FOR KILLING BABY

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday, (ITIM). — A 48-year-old widow, Mantina Duani, of Mahane Be'er Ya'acov, was sentenced to three months imprisonment and was fined IL.200 or an additional three months in prison, in the District Court here yesterday, for killing her baby on the day it was born in August, 1952.

Judge A. Malki recommended that the accused should serve her sentence by work outside prison, subject to police approval.

Magistrate in Blau Trial Threatened

Jerusalem Magistrate J. Cohen received a threatening letter on Friday in connection with the hearing in his Court of the case against Rabbi Amram Blau and some of his followers for taking part in a demonstration during a comb-out in Jerusalem last December for those liable to military service.

The letter, written in pencil, contained many denunciations, particularly of the National Service for Women Law.

The hearing of the case against Rabbi Blau and his followers will continue today. (ITIM)

ISRAEL TRAMP ENTERS PACIFIC

HAIFA, Saturday. — The s.s. Tel Aviv entered the Pacific today, it was learned here. She is the first Israel vessel to do so.

The Tel Aviv, which belongs to the El Yam company, is on her way to Japan on a tramp journey. The s.s. Acco, her sister ship, is also to sail through the Pacific to Japan shortly.

Settlements Can't Pay Hired Workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — About 80 men, representing hundreds of workers who had not received their wages for many months, demonstrated outside the Kiryat Shmonah Local Council offices yesterday. They carried slogans and displayed a long list of settlemnets in Galilee which together owe IL.130,000 for work done during the last half year.

The men were employed mainly on building, farming and development projects.

One settlement alone owes the workers IL.32,000 and has been giving them vegetables in part payment. Kibbutz Hagoshrim has already sold three cows in order to settle part of its debts, while Kfar Nehemia has decided to sell most of its livestock to pay its workers.

The men, who have shown patience for many months, have demonstrated only because the Labour Council's fund, from which advances were sometimes made for buying necessities, has given out.

The settlements have stopped hiring workers so as to avoid increasing their debts, even though they have much work waiting to be done. This is aggravating the unemployment situation.

CITRUS EXPORTS REACH 2m. CASES

HAIFA, Saturday. — The season's second millionth case of citrus was loaded in the Port yesterday. By this time last year, more than 150,000 cases less had been exported.

The fruit was loaded on three ships, all of which are going to Scandinavia. Two of them have already left and the third, the m.s. Dione, is due to leave tomorrow. Besides citrus, the Dione also took 160 tons of other exports for Scandinavia.

Capital to Force Payment From Lagging Rate-Payers

Drastic measures against rate defaulters in the Capital, including compulsory deductions from salaries or bank accounts, are planned for the coming weeks, Mr. Y. Schreibaum, the new rates commissioner, told the Press after the first week of his appointment to improve the Municipal Treasury.

Although the daily average revenue has risen from IL.5,000 to IL.10,000, it is unlikely to remain stable unless an all-out effort is made to "educate citizens in the fulfilment of their obligations," Mr. Schreibaum said.

The 1953-54 Municipal budget from rates and taxes stood at IL.2,272,000, but by the end of December, only IL.949,000—42%—had been received. Mr. Schreibaum, hoped that the recurrent municipal wage crisis will disappear should the present tempo of collection be maintained.

From today, defaulters will be liable to confiscations, executed by two teams with police escort. The first team has orders to remove expensive articles from the homes of persons owing IL.500 and over. Goods confiscated may be auctioned later. Obdurate defaulters will be met with an order deducting the debt from their bank balance.

The second team will comb neighbourhoods where many recalcitrant tenants live and exert similar pressure.

In addition, notices are to go to salary earners warning them that a quarter of their monthly pay will be removed at source until the debt is settled.

Water To Be Cut

Tenants owing bills to the Water Department formerly sheltered behind the Municipality's reluctance to cut off water to a whole block because of one defaulter. With some extra outlay, the Department will now step up pipes to the apartment of the individual offender. Within the next months, Mr. Schreibaum intends to dispense with collectors in the Water Department and switch to the system of notices and reminders, as used by the Electric Corporation.

Mr. Schreibaum found that the Rates Department was crippled by lack of staff at the peak seasons, in April and October, when semi-annual accounts are sent and processed. Due to this bottle-neck and the recent Municipal strike, 12,500 applications for revision of rates had piled up. With an extra 20 clerks, the Department dealt with 2,000, and the accumulation should end by the middle of February.

Mr. Schreibaum plans to step up efficiency by reorganizing methods of rate collection. Collectors will be subject to firmer control, with a prescribed quota of visits per day, along a definite route. Record will be made of tenants neglecting to pay.

To encourage early payment, Mr. Schreibaum wants to introduce a 10% reduction for those paying the year's rates in April, and five per cent for those paying in May. He also proposes to impose a progressively larger fine on defaulters.

The Department will engage a special official to supervise revenue from the offices of the Government and public bodies. The Custodian of Abandoned Property and the Development Authority already contribute towards Municipal funds, but negotiations have not terminated on the form Government payment should take. As a lower authority cannot tax a higher, legislation will be needed to levy a contribution from Government offices in the Capital.

Bakers Set to Push Demands for Increases

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Bakers are ready to fight for the implementation of their demand that bread prices be increased to make up for higher costs and wages, and they will take the matter into their own hands should the Economic Committee of the Cabinet again postpone its decision, the Bakers' Central Committee has announced.

The demand is for a price increase of 7.8 prutot for a loaf of standard bread and 9.9 prutot for a loaf of white bread. To these increases the retailers' margins are also to be added. The relevant calculations have reportedly been approved by the Price Section of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Happy Husband Jailed 6 Months

TEL AVIV, Saturday (Itim). — A month's imprisonment was imposed in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday on Mordecai Zade, 20, of Bat Yam, for marrying a minor.

The prisoner pleaded that he was not aware that his bride was only 16 when he married her last April and that their marriage was a happy one. His wife testified that she agreed with him. The girl's mother, who had approved of the marriage, also appeared for the defence.

Magistrate Y. Zohar said that he was imposing a light sentence in order not to cause the happy couple too much inconvenience.

MORE WATER FOR BINYAMINA

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA, Saturday. — The water supply to Binyamina will be greatly increased in the next few months with the completion of a large water plant which will direct water from the Shomron foothill springs to the village's homes and fields.

The utilization of this new source will remove the danger of an insufficient water supply which has worried Binyamina residents in the last few years following the large increase of the village population.

Contact with Far East Jewry Held Essential

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Although the financial results of fund-raising campaigns among the small Jewish communities of the Far East are small, it is essential to continue sending representatives to those countries, in order to maintain contact with them. This was stated yesterday by Mr. Gershon Agron, who recently returned from a fund-raising tour in that area. He was speaking at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Commercial and Industrial Club here.

Some $70,000 had been donated during his trip, from among the 5,000 Jews in India, the 500 in Singapore, the 500-600 in the Philippines, the 200 families in Japan, the 40 families in Burma and the 25 families in Thailand.

In Bombay and Calcutta, Mr. Agron had launched this year's Israel appeal campaign, which will be continued during the next two months by Dr. Ezra Hadad.

Most members of these small Asian Jewish communities are uncertain of the future and expect to emigrate, following the example of many of their members, Mr. Agron said. In Rangoon, for example, of the 40 persons who donated funds to last year's United Appeal campaign, ten or 12 of the largest givers had emigrated during this year.

One Irrigated Dunam Needed Per Person

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — To provide a good standard of food from local supplies, an average of one irrigated dunam of land per head of population is required. As there are at present 700,000 dunams irrigated, we are still about a million dunams short, Mr. Simcha Blass, head of the Water Planning Authority, and irrigation adviser to the Government, said here yesterday in an address to the weekly luncheon meeting of the Commercial and Industrial Club.

Plans now being prepared or implemented called for the utilization of 1,200 million cubic metres of water a year in five years, Mr. Blass said. Of this, 700m. cubic metres would come from subterranean water sources and 500m. from streams and rivers. This is half of the country's total water resources, he said.

At present, 700m. cubic metres are utilized for the irrigation of 700,000 dunams, comprising 500m. cubic metres from subterranean sources and 200m. from springs and streams.

Before World War I, only a million cubic metres of water were used each year, to irrigate 1,500 dunams as well as for other purposes. From 1920 to 1930, this rose to three million cubic metres and to eight million between 1931 and 1940. In the next eight years up to the establishment of the State, this figure was again increased to 15m. cubic metres, with a speedy increase to 230m. a year and thence to the present 700m. cubic metres, with a corresponding increase in the irrigated area.

Millions of Locusts Invade East Africa

NAIROBI, Saturday (Reuter).—Millions of locusts, 1,000 miles from their breeding grounds in the Arabian Desert, are now darkening the skies over Kenya in the biggest insect invasion of East Africa in eight years.

The locust "army" which has reached Kenya is estimated at 23 swarms varying in size from a few square kilometres to more than 200 kilometres.

The planes spraying these "flying brigades" with thousands of gallons of insecticide had to fly "blind," relying on instruments, because the density of swarms reduced visibility so much.

Locust control officials said billions of the insects are breeding in the interior and on the coast line of Saudi Arabia, and are likely to threaten the whole Middle East, Sudan and East Africa, reinforced by swarms now in southern Persia and Iraq.

Sarag E-Din Gets 15 Years for Graft

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). The Revolution Tribunal today jailed millionaire ex-Cabinet Minister Fuad Sarag e-Din for 15 years for abuse of power, graft and corruption.

The Finance and Interior Minister in governments before the overthrow of the old regime by General Nagib was specifically accused of costing the Government LE.12m. by rigging the Alexandria cotton market.

Another charge of neglect of duty arose out of the arson and violence in Cairo's "Black Saturday" riots on January 26, 1952, which caused the collapse of the Wafdist Government.

SARAG E-DIN

His trial, which began last December, developed into a public indictment of the whole Wafdist regime under Farouk's reign.

During the trial ex-King Farouk's private life was also laid open when the prosecution compared him with the Roman Emperor Nero, both in his love of pleasure and his political meddling.

Two other prominent Egyptians, ex-Prime Minister Mustapha Nahas and Mme. Nahas, figure in the feudal landlords case and are themselves under house arrest.

Mme. Nahas To Be Tried

Mme. Nahas will be brought to trial here next month. She is charged with abuse of influence, political corruption and manipulation of the cotton market, a spokesman for the Revolution Command Headquarters said today.

The court today also ordered that Sarag e-Din should repay public funds spent on the construction of a road to Agami beach, a popular bathing resort near Alexandria where he owns property.

It also ordered the confiscation of all funds and property acquired by his brother, Yassin Sarag e-Din, from January 12, 1950, until January 27, 1952.

The court ordered cancellation of his land transactions carried out during the Wafd Government's last term of office, from January, 1950, to January, 1952.

It condemned the Wafd for meeting at government expense an exorbitant bill for LE.1,300,000 for repairs to Farouk's yacht.

It also recommended the formation of a joint committee composed of representatives of the Ministries of Finance and Supply to investigate and report within 30 days on the newspaper "Al Misri's" dealings in newsprint from 1942, when the Wafd was in power.

INCREASE.—Tokyo's population on January 1 was 7,500,000 — more than double that at the end of the war. There are 105 men to every 100 women.

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memorandum accompanying Israel's new request for Security Council action to induce Egypt to end its "piratical and illegal" blockade of Israel. The blockade was condemned by the Council in 1951, but was continued and expanded in defiance of these U.N. strictures.

Mr. Eban complained that there had recently been a "remarkable development" in Egypt's conduct of the blockade operation. It had been extended in "space and form." In space, it had been extended from a policy hinged mainly on stopping Israel-bound shipping through the Suez Canal to a broader policy that now involved interference with ships in the Gulf of Akaba bound for the port of Eilat.

As for the extension in form, Mr. Eban complained that articles, particularly foodstuffs, that had previously been exempt from the contraband list now were falling under the scope of the blockade.

The Israel delegate said his Government hopes the Security Council will meet on the Israel complaint early in February. New Zealand's delegate, Mr. Knox Munro, takes over the presidency next month from Lebanon's Charles Malik.

He also said Israel hoped any new resolution on the subject would, unlike the 1951 draft, include some provision for follow-up action to insure that Egypt could not flout it.

Cables in Brief

M. DAL.— The American Geographical Society on Friday awarded the coveted Cullum Geographical Medal to the 1953 British Everest Expedition.

PRODUCTION.—Britain's industrial output last year was higher than ever before and 6% more than in 1952, according to provisional figures published by the Treasury.

EXPLOSION. — Three people were killed and eight injured in an explosion yesterday in an ammunition dump near Aboe on Kiel bay. Security officials are investigating.

HEALTH.—The executive board of the World Health Organization decided unanimously on Friday to recommend that the Eighth World Health Assembly in 1955 be held in Mexico City.

Personal Notices

We deeply mourn the death in Jerusalem on January 29, 1954, at the age of 73, of our beloved wife and mother

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Mrs. SOPHIE FLATAUER

has passed away after a short illness.
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With deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved

BITTO (SHABTAI) COHEN

former manager of the Savoy Hotel, Haifa, at the age of 58. The funeral will take place today, January 31, 1954, at 3 p.m., from his home, 21 Rehov Rakafot, Tiv'on.
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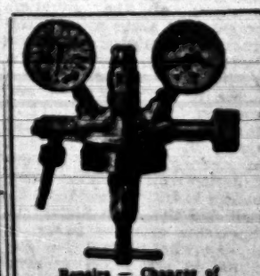

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THE chain of hostile and anarchic acts outlined by Mr. Abba Eban to the representatives of the world's Press on Friday are but the latest summary of a general situation in the Middle East which has deteriorated to such an extent that the area must now begin to move into first place as the world's number one potential trouble area. In spite of the friction and misunderstandings, real and manufactured, which exist in Korea, it is hardly likely that trouble will break out there again in the near future, and other areas of chronic unease in the Far East are not likely to flare up further just at the moment. In Pakistan, the State Department would seem to be having second thoughts and looking upon the problem with something approaching realism. There remains the Middle Eastern area in which the eyes of those who today formulate international policy seem to be blinded by misunderstanding and the confusion caused by the long accumulation of neglect of the problem.

DRIFTING TO DISASTER

When action was taken, such as in the case of Kibya, it was taken on very uncertain ground of dubious moral soundness when one considers the long series of Jordanian aggressions which preceded that unhappy necessity. The Syrians were allowed to manoeuvre the Security Council into wasting many valuable months in a blatant attempt to seek to establish a right to veto peaceful development work inside the borders of a sovereign state. But faced with what Mr. Eban rightly described as a "piratical and illegal blockade" of Israel, nothing has been done by the Powers to ensure enforcement of a clear decision of the Security Council taken nearly three years ago. Because of this the situation is that Egypt can freely set the whole civilized world by the ears; can with impunity interrupt the free transit of the shipping of several important maritime nations, not excluding Great Britain; and by strengthening her armament in the Gulf of Akaba can proceed to prepare aggressive action against peaceful vessels passing on their lawful occasions there.

All this has taken place without any strong patent protest from the Powers who should be directly concerned and who have a particular stake in the free passage of shipping through the Suez Canal. So clear is this neglect on the part of Great Britain, for example, that the "Economist" has felt itself bound to take the British Minister of State to task for not assuming a more effective and direct leadership in making Egypt toe the line in fulfilling its international obligations.

There is of course a great deal of proper sentiment in regard to the Middle East if the mere expression of a desire for peace in the area can be so called. However, such sentiment alone, when divorced completely from the realities of the situation, might well prove more harmful than otherwise, being likely to create in the mind of the guilty party to the dispute a sense of moral support and comfort. Thus, in the light of the massive indictment piled up by Mr. Eban, it is difficult to understand the complete equation which Senator Wiley makes in his call to "both Israel and the Arab States" to determine to make peace. It is somewhat unreal for example to ask Israel to give "more consideration to the advantages of peace" when this country has announced almost *ad nauseam* its desire to settle all outstanding points with its Arab neighbours by conference and discussion. A similar blinking of the facts of the situation underlies the other points made by the Senator.

All this is symptomatic of the fact that the lack of realism in Middle Eastern policy on the part of the West is giving rather more than passive encouragement to a situation which is drifting rapidly to unpredictable disasters.

U.S. to Use Atomic Heat at A-Plants

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter).—The Atomic Energy Commission today announced plans to put the atom to work heating buildings at one of its big plants as a by-product of bomb making.

(The British have been using atomic heat in this way for several years.)

Hitherto all atomic heat in American atom factories has been wasted, but now it will be directed into 20 buildings of about 500,000 square feet.

PROFILE— THEODOR HEUSS

By ALFRED J. FISCHER

BONN.—LETTERS which Theodor Heuss, German Federal President, addresses to his friends, simply have his name printed at the top without further adornment. Neither his titles nor his academic degrees appear on the notepaper: modesty and dislike of formality are typical of Theodor Heuss, who is 70 today. In fact, he is one of the few statesmen who have refused to become the slaves of etiquette. If old friends wish to see him, he and not his secretary sets the time for the meeting.

The Heuss family originates from Hammersheim a small town situated between Heidelberg and Heilbronn where for generations they worked as boatsmen on the Neckar. Theodor was born at Brackenheim (Wuerttemberg) and soon developed into a bookworm, though by no means a recluse. He has always been fond of drawing, and made numerous sketches of the Vosges mountains and the Black Forest. Some of them later were published as illustrations of his wife's book "Views from Muenster Tower." At present, he no longer finds time for this hobby except during his rare holidays.

Heuss' first article, an essay on Wilhelm Busch, was published in "Die Hilfe", a journal which was to play an important part in his later life, edited by Friedrich Naumann. To this day, Heuss regards this great political sociologist and democrat as his guide and teacher.

Naumann's Biographer

He became Naumann's most important biographer. In 1902 and 1903, he divided his time between Naumann and the university of Munich where he studied economics and art history.

He joined the Union of Social Science Students but remained aloof from all militant students' organizations, whose present re-emergence he regards with sceptical criticism. His actions were always dominated by humanitarian ideals. A short while ago, the Federal President was obliged to participate in a State hunting party. Meier, his famous chauffeur, whose words have become proverbial in Bonn, remarked aptly:— "He won't harm a single animal today." In fact, Heuss would have found this difficult since he did not take a rifle with him.

In 1905 he founded the literary part of "Die Hilfe" and from 1907 to 1911 he took over also its political side.

Theodor Heuss found his personal happiness in the Naumann circle. He met Elly Knapp, daughter of the famous economist, professor Georg Friedrich Knapp, and herself an active contributor to his journal. They were married in 1908 and began their close collaboration which extended also to literary activities.

Heuss was well known for his tolerance. Representatives of all non-totalitarian parties were among his personal friends. Perhaps it is no coincidence that the aged social democrat and former President of the Reichstag, Paul Lobe, was the first to suggest Heuss for the post of Federal President.

Before the end of World War I Heuss was summoned to Berlin where he lived during the next two and a half decades, though he never lost his Swabian dialect. Under his direction, the journal "German Politics" gained in support and reputation. He also took over the management of the "Deutsche Werkbund," an organization of artists and industrialists founded by Naumann. Journeys to Scandinavia, England, France and the Balkan countries broadened his horizon, and the journalists in all these countries cordially welcomed him. From

Professor Heuss (right), President of the West German Federal Republic, talks to Shunichi Kase (left), the first post-war Japanese Ambassador to the Republic, after the latter had presented his credentials at Bonn. Express Photo

1924 to 1928, and again between 1930 and 1933, Heuss sat in the Reichstag as a democratic member for Wuerttemberg. At the same time, he was a Professor as well as Rector of the German Academy of Politics. Heuss' liberalism is progressive and seeks, like its Scandinavian counterpart, a synthesis between free enterprise and social security.

The year 1933 initiated a time of suffering for him. Goebbels' hatred was directed even more against Heuss the writer than Heuss the politician. Two of his works were burned in the fire of barbarism — "Guide out of Germany's Agony" and his warning against Hitler, published in 1932. The "German Academy of Politics" was forced to dismiss him immediately.

Courageous Anti-Nazi

Heuss was permitted to take over the "Hilfe" and continue as its editor — a laborious and unprofitable task. Apart from this, however, he was on the black list, and no paper was allowed to accept his articles. An industrialist friend of Heuss' offered him a small job. At this point Elly Heuss-Knapp showed her strength of character. Just one week after their silver wedding she announced with determination:— "I am going to earn the money."

Mrs. Heuss took up a novel occupation — acoustic advertising — and invented hitherto unknown methods. Later she produced film advertisements which received international attention. Only the exemplary and imaginative energy of his wife enabled Heuss to write some of his most important books, as, for instance, his biography of Robert Bosch, books on Poelzig and Liebig, and the biography of Friedrich Naumann which he dedicated to her. In the third year of the German millennium, Himmler took "Die Hilfe" away from Heuss. It must have been the last German paper that showed courage. As one of its subscribers abroad, I was surprised to find in its columns the paraphrase of a word by Fontane; "Sie sagen Rasse und mainen Kasse" (They say race and mean cash).

In 1941, a first-class contributor named Brackheim made his appearance in the columns of the "Frankfurter Zeitung." It was not revealed until after the war that this was a pseudonym of Theodor Heuss, whose birthplace was Brackenheim.

It was only natural that there should have been close links between Heuss and the men of July 20. He met Gordeler in Stuttgart as late as December, 1943. Ulrich, Bolz and Leber were also among the intimate friends of Heuss. Only his timely departure from Berlin and the fact that he took refuge in the house of his sister-in-law saved Heuss from the fate of his friend Leber, while his only son Ludwig was constantly braving death as an active resistance fighter. Ludwig Heuss is married to the daughter of Fritz Elsass, a former Mayor of Berlin who, although Jewish, was long protected by marriage to a gentile wife. When Gordeler was found hidden in his house, he was executed and his daughter sent to a concentration camp. Whenever possible, the Federal President spends his holidays with his children and his only grandchild. Since the death, in 1952, of his beloved life-long companion, one of his sisters-in-law keeps house for him.

In 1945 he immediately resumed his political activities while to some extent continuing to write. Heuss was one of the founders of the Liberal Democratic Party, now called the Free Democratic Party. Very soon he succeeded in uniting his party on a tri-zonal basis, and the veteran Liberal was elected as its first Chairman. He also derived a great deal of satisfaction from the licence of the "Rhein-Neckar Zeitung" at Heidelberg.

Seat in Diet

Heuss and his wife both became deputies in the Wuerttemberg Diet. At the same time he occupied a position as lecturer on modern history and political science at the Technical College of Stuttgart. He gave up this Chair when he was called to Bonn to assist in the preparation of the "Basic Law" (Grundgesetz). It was at this time that he acquired his nickname "Father of the Constitution" — a constitution, incidentally, which curtailed the powers and prerogatives of the President to such an extent — as compared with the Weimar Republic — that his position was reduced to a purely representative one.

On September 12, 1949, the Federal Assembly elected Theodor Heuss as first Federal President of Germany. Villa Hammerschmidt at Bonn is now inhabited by one of the greatest and most uncompromising humanists of our time — one who desires genuine reconciliation, who accepts true national feelings while rejecting every form of chauvinism, and who, last but not least, regards the righting of any wrongs committed as a moral necessity, as he clearly showed by his positive attitude to the question of reparations for Israel.

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Readers' Letters

VISITORS' THANKS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wish, through the columns of your paper, to express my deep gratitude to the Israel office of the South African Zionist Federation which arranged to show me around Tel Aviv and Jaffa and was so helpful to me.

I should also like to express my thanks to Mr. Yanai, public relations officer of the Israel Police, for his kindness in arranging a tour of Israel for me as guest of the Israel Police Force. I am most grateful for this consideration and will always remember the pleasant few days which I spent in Israel. I found the people friendly and hospitable and, on behalf of myself and the South African Immigration Force, I wish you all Godspeed in the rehabilitation of your country.

Yours etc.,
G. ESTERHUIZEN

Tel Aviv, January 19.

Mr. Esterhuizen was on escort duty for the South African Governesses in accompany a deserting sailor back to Israel (The Jerusalem Post, Jan 15). Ed., J.P.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I want to tell you how greatly I have enjoyed reading *The Jerusalem Post* during my stay in Israel. Indeed, I am very proud and happy to see the progress that has been made in so short a time.

I should also like to give special thanks to those people who made my stay here so enjoyable, among them the staff of the Government Information Office. On my return to England, I shall advise all my friends to visit this wonderful country and I myself hope to visit you again in the near future.

Yours, etc.,
J. MANDEL

Tel Aviv, January 14.

PEN FRIENDS

Leyla Nahum, Mithat Pasa Cad. No. 8/7, Yenisehir, Ankara, Turkey, is a 15-year-old Jewish girl who wants to correspond in English with an Israel boy her own age or older.

Master David Jarnes, 15 Woodbury St., Beverly, Massachusetts, U.S.A., is an eight-year-old who wants a pen friend of his age or slightly older.

The Week in the Knesset

Introducing the New Cabinet

By GERDA LUFT

LAST week, the Knesset revived the feeling of its "great days." The Government benches and members' seats were filled, the galleries crowded while people waited in the streets for the arrival of the President and the Ministers. There was great relief that at long last the tedious negotiations were over and a new Government was ready to begin work.

It is generally felt that the lesson of the last difficult months will not be lost on the Knesset. Attempts probably will be made to improve the procedure for forming a new cabinet. At the same time, there is optimism that the rehabilitated coalition has come to stay until the next general election. The Government and the Knesset should, therefore, have before them a long stretch of uninterrupted work.

The new Prime Minister showed his mettle in his opening speech in which he presented the Government to the House, and even more in his winding-up speech when he dealt with points made by his adversaries. Mr. Sharett announced no legislative programme. Sharing with his colleagues his awareness that the old programme still stands and requires much work to be carried into effect. He therefore contented himself with a short introduction.

Polished Style

The Prime Minister is well known for his polished style, and came up to expectation. He showed, too, that he is one of the few M.K.s who know how to use the microphone, thus sparing the House a great deal of unnecessary and painful noise. If he were able to spare more of his time for Parliamentary work he might set a refreshing style of balanced and moderate orators in the Knesset.

These qualities were further exemplified in his rebuttal speech. The endeavour to counter arguments with facts and the refusal to be drawn into angry retorts by interruptions made a considerable impression on the House.

The debate itself not unexpectedly produced no novelties. During the last three months, all normal topics of general debate have been exhausted by the Knesset and the Press. Representatives of the parties could do no more than repeat their former views. Matters might perhaps have been made easier by allocating less than eight hours to the debate on the vote of confidence, thus reducing the number of speakers. Moreover, as debating time was divided according to the strength of the parties in the House and no personal views could be aired, the Knesset more often than not knew what to expect whenever a member mounted the platform.

One noted a trend of considerable significance which should be watched carefully. The radical wing of the Orthodox bloc is clearly on the offensive. This had already become evident during the coalition negotiations when the religious representatives pyramided their demands in an attempt to gain further concessions. They became even clearer in the debate. The problem of pig-raising came up again and again, although the Government had already promised to restrict it by administrative means. The question of national service for women was aired, and a number of additional demands were pressed by speakers of the religious parties.

Increasing Demands

Here is a danger signal which should not be taken lightly. The religious radicals do not ask to be allowed to lead their lives according to their personal beliefs: they wish to shape the life of the community as a whole according to their views of Jewish law. This implies that their demands will increase as part of them are met, for their grievances do not concern only the conditions under which Orthodox members of the community live — as is partly the case with national service for women — but mainly with the living conditions for the community as a whole. Already far-reaching concessions to religious feelings have been made by administrative as well as by legal measures. The intransigeant mood of some of the religious representatives during the debate last week should serve as a warning to those Knesset Members who are trying to appease this wing by further concessions.

Mr. Pinhas Rosen, the former Minister of Justice, had already left the Government bench when the Knesset assembled on Monday to debate the vote of confidence. This was taken as a sign of the seriousness with which the Progressives viewed the proposal to exclude from the Knesset parties which do not obtain more than a certain percentage of the votes polled. The speech of Mr. Harari (Progressive) in the debate confirmed this view. He complained bitterly not only about the proposal as such, but the manner in which negotiations had been conducted. When the new Prime Minister and several members of the new Coalition went out of their way to assure the Progressive Party that they are still welcome in the new Cabinet, it was generally felt that the obstacle was not so much a difference of principle as a lack of skill in negotiating an agreement since, in fact, principles would appear to have given way to trading about concessions. Since during the negotiations the percentage proposed for parties in the House had dropped from ten to four, and Mr. Bernstein suddenly told the House of a further concession to three per cent, it may well be that during the coming weeks the Prime Minister's endeavours to bring the Progressives into the Coalition will prove fruitful after all.

Progressives' Arguments

This would be greeted with pleasure by all those who wish to see Mr. Rosen continue in his office of Minister of Justice, but it will not solve the problem of election reform. The reasons marshalled by Mr. Harari against fixing a percentage appear very weighty. However, they touch neither the need for a closer relation between the voter and his representative in the Knesset and the prevention of splinter parties nor the necessity to curb the omnipotence of the party machines which once more have shown their power during the months of coalition talks. If the Progressives join the Cabinet, making it possible for the whole issue to be considered without special attention to the needs of one particular party, it may be easier to find a way for reform.

Holland Hears Of Wrong Type of Jew

By HENRIETTE BOAS

AMSTERDAM. — ARAB propaganda in the Dutch Press and among the general public is negligible, and goodwill towards and interest in Israel is widespread. However, official and semi-official Israel circles in Israel and Holland do extremely little to satisfy and develop this interest.

That a vast field is being neglected here is proved by the following example. A Dutch Jew who recently returned from Israel where he had lived for several years had the idea of establishing himself here as a lecturer on Israel. He sent circular letters to Jewish and especially non-Jewish societies up and down the country, also stating his fee, and the response has, I understand, been enormous not only from the towns, but even from what to an inhabitant of Amsterdam are only small villages.

If Israel has little to fear from Arab propaganda in Holland, it has another more efficient competitor; this week, a certain theatre company celebrated the 800th continuous performance — within less than three years — of that hardy perennial 'Potash and Perlmutter'; some 300 performances were given in Amsterdam and 500 in the provinces. The theatre director is confident that he will easily reach the 1000th performance. The theatre company in question is not of such high artistic standard that it qualifies for a Government subsidy. It must therefore look for box office success, and 'Potash and Perlmutter,' the story of the two Jewish business companions — a fairly innocent story, for that matter — never fails to draw full halls.

'Stuermer' Humour

Another outstanding box office success has been a certain Jewish gentleman by the name of Max Tailleur who, a year or two ago, had the idea of opening a one-man cabaret in Amsterdam where he appears every evening telling Jewish jokes. We've never visited his cabaret but for about 18 months now the public — largely non-Jews — have been queuing up each night for admission. The success was such that a publisher recently brought out a book of Tailleur's jokes. Apparently everyone's intentions are of the best. But to us many of the 'jokes,' and the accompanying 'illustrations,' recalled the 'Stuermer.'

With the exception of 'Faithful City,' which was presented by a commercial cinema, not a single Israel film or documentary has been shown here during the past year, not even within the framework of the U.J.A. campaign. According to the local U.J.A. people, Israel has sent no suitable film material. The only exception was 'Out of Evil' which was shown at a semi-private Zionist function for one night only, several weeks ago.

Unfortunately, in Jewish and Zionist circles conditions are not much better. The Jewish 'humourist,' followed by dancing, has become traditional at most celebrations. Features connected with Israel are lacking more often than not even from the programmes of Zionist societies.

Functions organized by the J.N.F. or W.I.Z.O. are usually held with one object only: fund raising. For example, a J.N.F. Tu B'Shvat festival, with high admission prices, will have as its programme an opening word by the Israel Consul, a non-Jewish cabaret, two Jewish artistes, a tombola and dancing. A W.I.Z.O. gala evening this month, under the patronage of the Israel Minister's wife, will present 'The Barber of Seville' by the National Opera, followed by a soiree with buffets and dancing. On both occasions, of course, evening dress is optional. The official Yom Atzma'ut celebration here last year was almost completely lacking in "Israel spirit."

Of course, Israel has no power to silence Messrs. Potash, Perlmutter and Tailleur. But she might do a little more to make her voice heard. Sometimes however the official attitude seems to be that as long as funds are raised, the less the public hears and knows about Israel, the better.

MUSICAL DIARY

KOL Yisrael's Tuesday night concert at the Y.M.C.A., in which the Police Band participated (conductor George Singer) was held under the auspices of Professor Dinur, Minister of Education and Culture, in aid of the Association of Disabled Ex-Servicemen of World War II. The programme opened with Beethoven's third "Leonora" Overture, followed by Vivaldi's Concerto in B Minor for four violins and string orchestra. The soloists were Shimon Mishori; Arieh Sade, Asher Feldman and David Blau.

Karel Salomon's dance rhapsody "Dalia" was given its world *premiere*. It gave the impression of a counterpart, equal in quality, to the same composer's enchanting "Symphonic Suite of Greek Dances." The *leitmotif* of the opening pastorale is developed right to the epilogue through the three interlinked dances, and we must mention that Karel Salomon never writes dry, academic counterpoint for its own sake. The folklore elements are subtle, and the rhythms striking. This symphonic poem is decidedly of international standard. The bill closed with Dvorak's autobiographical "Heroic Song" op. 111, the last of five symphonic poems. The traditional four movements of this classic symphony are run into each other, and the return to the first theme at the end is cyclic. It has warmth and colour in Dvorak's usual way and uses Czech popular themes movingly.

The combination of the Kol Yisrael Orchestra with the Police Band is intended as a first step towards the creation of a local symphony orchestra. It will take a long time to reach such a goal, but, as a preliminary step, would it not be worthwhile re-engaging those former members of the orchestra, many of them gifted musicians, who were given notice during a recent economy drive, and according to their talents, but on account of their family status?

Yarden Quartet

A STRING quartet written in the U.S. in 1949 by young composer Eli Yarden, received its Israel premiere at the home of Mr. Marc Lavry, music director of Kol Zion Lagola, on Thursday night. All the performers: Shimshen Mishori (violin); Arieh Sadeh (violin); Gideon Roehr (viola) and Ya'acov Menze ('cello) are members of Kol Yisrael's orchestra.

This piece of chamber music which has only two movements, *allegretto* and *adagio molto*, is unmistakably influenced by the Schoenberg school with its complex texture and uncompromising harmonies. Unprepared listening to such a work is no easy task even to the professional critic, but it became more easily understood with the second hearing, which immediately followed the first. It left the impression of a solemn, well constructed and gifted essay though the type of polyphonics used would become decidedly more attractive by a caesura of rhythmical vivacity.

Ernest Bloch's 'Prayer' was played by J. Menze; one movement of Marc Lavry's viola concerto which was so successfully received during his European tour was rendered by Gideon Roehr, as well as three of his Jewish dances, engagingly read by S. Mishori with the composer at the piano.

Tragic Death

RUMOURS have been circulating since the young violinist, Oasy Renardy, was the victim of a plane crash shortly after the tragedy of William Kapell, but we have only now learned the truth, that he was killed on December 3 in a car accident in Mexico on the way to a concert in Monte Vista. His accompanist, George Robert, who was driving, and the other passengers were only slightly injured. The 23-year-old violinist's Guarnerius was not damaged. Vienna-born, Oasy Renardy was considered an extremely talented young man. He appeared with the I.P.O. in the 1951/52 season.

FRANGO

Martha Graham

MARTHA Graham, and her company of 25 dancers, have made arrangements through the Paris manager Anatole Heller for an eight- to 12-week European tour beginning in Israel on March 14. Engagements in Italy, Switzerland, France, and the Scandinavian countries will follow. The tour will mark Miss Graham's second visit to Europe.

Miss Graham has refused to permit booking in Germany during the coming tour. She will not dance there, she said, because she "doesn't forget so easily."

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